(c) whether any alternative site has since been identified for the purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As soon as an alternative site is selected.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : सभापति महोदय, नोयडा के नजदीक जो रेस क्लब बनने जा रहा है, उसका क्षेत्रफल कितना होगा, कुल कितनी लागत आयेगी और उस पर काम कब शरू होगा ? साथ ही इस रेस-क्लब में क्या-क्या सुविधाएं उपलब्ध होंगी ?

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : सभापति जी, जैसा मैंने बताया, अभी तो साइट, तय ही नहीं की गयी है, यहां यह रेस-क्लब बनेगा । इसलिए माननीय सदस्या ने जो सवाल किया है, उसका जवाब है ही नहीं ।

श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : नोयडा में बनाना है, ऐसी अखबारों में खबर है और इसलिए मैंने यह सवाल किया था ?

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : सभापति जी, अखबारों की खबर में तो काफी, हंगामें होते हैं । अखबार की खबर पर कोई तवज्जह नहीं दी जानी चाहिए ।

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I take strong exception to the remarks made by the Minister that all newspaper reports contain lot of hangama.

MR. CHAIRMAN: With honourable exceptions.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether she would like to disclose what is going to be done with Race Course at present which is being acquired.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Sir, it was decided in 1975 by the then Prime Minister that the Defence authorities may be allowed to retain 107 acres of land and the Race Course may be shifted from this area. The problem of land is so acute that land is not available in Delhi. That is why we have not yet decided to which side we shoud shift the Race Course.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question.

Ajay Canal Project in Bihar

*328. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar had submitted a proposal for the AJAY CANAL in South Bihar costing Rs. 5 crores fifteen years back;

(b) whether the said proposal still remains pending with the Planning Commission while the cost of the same project has gone upto Rs. 67 crores;

(c) what are the main reasons for not clearing the project which is very essential for the State; and

(d) by when this vital project is likely to be cleared by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The project was received originally at a cost of Rs. 4.31 crores. The clearance has had to be deferred from time to time because of non-compliance of the comments/observations by the State Government. Even now, it is held up for updating of the estimated cost and concurrence of the State Finance Department.

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श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूं कि इस अजय कैनाल का जिस वक्त प्रपोजल आया था, वह 4 करोड़ 31 लाख रुपए का था। 15 साल बीत गए और आपने यह जवाब दिया है। इसके पहले जितने भी सवाल पूछे गए थे आपने उनका जवाब नहीं भेजा है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कोई टीम वहां भेजी थी ज्वाइंट सर्वे करने के लिये या नहीं ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: If you go through the history of this project, it is most unfortunate that a project which cost only about 4.31 crores at that time is now going to cost more than 77 crores because of certain events for which mainly project was received in the year 1962 and the Planning Commission meeting in 1965 held that it was a State project and it had to be cleared from there. In 1966 project was again considered by the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission and it made certain observations. The project was reconsiderd by the Committee in the month of May, 1966. The Committee then made a very important observation which I quote:

> "West Bengal Government having been given ample opportunity to intimate the requirements of irrigation from this project and in view of the fact that they have not intimated any specific requirements to the CWPC in spite of reminders, the Advisory Committee recommended that this project should be accepted as a project for Bihar State only."

First it was made an inter-State project. This time they took the view that this should be a project of Bihar State Government. In 1967 what happened was the Government of Bihar was informed to take up the matter with the Planning Commission for approval of the same. But in 1972 the Planning Commission made an observation that the project was accepted by the Advisory Committee . . . subject to its being included in the Fourth Five year Plan of the State Government. As the project had not been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan, and in the subsequent Annual Plan it could not be approved by the Planning Commission. Also the proposals made in 1972-73 were considered inadequate. The Planning Commission has suggested that the estimate of the project be updated with provision for water resources. Unfortunately though there was a agreement reached in the year 1978. On inter-State rivers, still certain observations which have been made for updating the project, are still awaited.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : श्रीमन्, मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि अंतिम बार क्या पत्राचार बिहार सरकार से किया गया था और क्या क्या चीजें उनसे मांगी गई थीं।

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: A lot of observations made have been fulfilled. The project is pending clearance because of the updating of estimate and concurrence of the State Finance Department.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : माननीय सभापति जी, हमारे जो इरिगेशन प्रोजेक्ट्स हैं उनके लिये यह विचित्र बात है कि 20 वर्ष का समय लग जाता है स्टेट और सेंटर के बीच में, दिल्ली और पटना के बीच में और जो प्रोजेक्ट 5 करोड़ का था वह आज लगभग 80 करोड़ का हो गया है। मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस सिस्टम को स्ट्रीमलाइन करने और प्रोजेक्ट्स को जल्दी तय करने के लिये आपके पास कोई मशीनरी उपलब्ध की गई है, तो उसके बारे में ..... की कृपा करेंगे ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: It is true and it is most unfortunate that cost escalation has been taking place because of delay in the clearance of the project. The delay is mainly alleged against the CWC and the Planning Commission but we say that it is mainly on account of the non-fulfilment of the requirement of project formulation by the State Government. We have taken certain steps to streamline the procedure of clearance of the project very recently.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: This project is basically for tribal areas and our Prime Minister has assigned top priority for the

welfare of tribal areas. In fact he has been meetin gthe tribal population from time to time. It is very shocking that top priority has not been given to it. Will the Government speed it up and evolve some.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not followed the answer of the Minister. The Minister says that the fault lies with the State Government. Next Question. Question No. 329. Mr. Ramamurthy.

Water for Hauzrani villages of Delhi

*329. SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water tank was constructed and inaugurated last year in the urbanised village, Hauzrani in South Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons fo its non-functioning so far and by when it is likely to function; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to supply adequate quantity of water to the residents of the village?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): A water tank was constructed and completed about a year back by the DDA at Hauzrani villages.

(b) and (c) The tank could not, however, be commissioned so far as arrangements for water supply, either from a tubewell or any other source, could not be made. The water tank has recently been transferred from the DDA to the MCD. The MCD is taking steps to make this tank functional. The MCD is taking action to provide filtered water to the village by making direct connection of the feeder man with the distribution system of the village. Trial bore tests are also being conducted to explore the possibility of providing a tubewell.

SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know how much time it will take for completing this and for making proper arrangements.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: As I have already said. Sir, the MCD has taken over this and I can say that within five or six months it will be completed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Ramamurthy, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: I have no other supplementary to put, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Next Question No. 330. Mr. Basudeb Mohapatra.

Losses suffered by the FCI unit at Talcher

*330. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Corporation of India unit at Talcher had been incurring huge losses during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of losses suffered by the unit during that period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Talcher plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) suffered a loss of Rs. 20.01 crores, Rs. 42.94 crores and Rs. 38.46 crores (provisional) during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, respectively.

(c) On the basis of an end-to-end survey of the plant, M|s. Krup Koppers, West Germany have suggested various measures to improve the performance of the